THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that no specific survey has been conducted in this regard. However, the detection and removal of various type of encroachments on DDA lands, including those close to various religious places, is a continuous process. As and when such encroachments are noticed, these are remove from the thoroughfares.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The encroachments near the Shiv Temple and the Mosque at Tilak Bridge have been removed from time to time, but these encroachments have the tendency to reapear time and again after their removal. Action for removal of the existing encroachments has been taken in hand by the Delhi Development Authority.

**Involvement of Politician to Monitor Development Schemes**

2624. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to involve political representatives in implementation and monitoring of different urban and rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) The Constitution Seventy third Amendment Act 1992 on the Panchayats and the Constitution Seventy-fourth Amendment Act 1992 on Municipalities provide that the legislature of a State may, by law, endow the Panchayats|Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats|Municipalities at the appropriate level with respect to the preparation of plans for economic develoment and social justice and the implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution Seventy-third Amendment Act 1992 and the Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution Seventy-fourth Amendment Act 1992 respectively. The legislature of a State may by law, provide for the repersentation of the members of the House of the People, the members of the Legislative Assembly of the State, the members of the Council of States and the members of Legislative Council of the State in the composition of Panchayats|Municipalities.

**Amendment of the Delhi rent (control) Act**

2625. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Trader-Tenants haven't had things all their pay in Rent Act changes" which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi edition), dated the 26th July, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) by when the amended Bill is likely to be notified; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the amendments in view of widespread protest in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (d) The issue regarding some amenments in the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 was examined by the Government in various high level meetings including the Cabinet in view of a large number of representations recevied from both the house owners and tenants.

The Government has decided to enforce the Act after effecting amendments to some of the provisions of the Act. The Amendment Bill seek to make the Act more acceptable to both the tenants and landlords and at the same time encourage investment in housing sector particularly to rental housing. The Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1997 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28.7.97.

**लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के टाइप–II के क्वार्टर के रसोईघरों और स्नानघरों की दोषपूर्ण पाइप लाइनें**

2626. श्री राजनाथ सिंह : क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के टाइप-II क्वार्टरों विशेष रूप से क्वार्टर नं० 1274 से 1296 तक की रसोई घरों और स्नानघरों की पाइपलाइनें दोषपूर्ण एवं टूटी-फूटी अवस्था में हैं और जिसके परिणामस्वरूप प्रथम तल से भूमितल पर गंदा पानी टपकता रहता है और भूमितल की नालियों के बन्द होने के कारण क्वार्टरों में गंदा पानी भर जाता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपरोक्त पाइपों की मरम्मत और उन्हें बदलने के लिये क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये है ?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (डा० ए० वेंकटेश्वरलु) : (क) और (ख) लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के टाइप–II क्वार्टर 40 वर्ष से भी पुराने हैं कोई विशेष शिकायत प्राप्त होने पर उन्हें तत्काल दूर किया जाता है । हाल ही में क्वार्टर नं. 1274–1276, 1281–1283, 1285–1287 की पाइपलाइनें बदली गयी हैं ।

**Auction of Sites in Janakpuri**

2627. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has left out from auction the site for shop No. 25 in Block No. 19, CSM, Janakpuri, New Delhi, while all other sites in the said block were auctioned several years back;

(b) whether this is due to a lapse on the part of DDA; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether DDA have received any complaint in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the said site is likely to be auctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As reported by DDA plot No. 25 in Block No. 19, CSM, Janakpuri has not been allotted so far. Initially plot No. 25 & 26 in Block No. 19, CSM, were earmarked for specific disposal as a single restaurant. But plot No. 26 was subsequently allotted to an evictee and therefore the matter regarding modification of the lay out plan was referred to planning department so as to dispose off plot No. 25 as commercial. In the meantime a number of representations were received from the left out evictees for allotment of the plot. Pending decision on these representations the disposal of plot was kept in abeyance.